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## College Republicans host open forum for JSU students

By: Michael Peoples  
*The Chanticleer Staff Writer*

The students of Jacksonville State University were given the chance to question a panel of four Alabama Republicans Tuesday, October 4, when the College Republicans held an open forum for students.

Special guest panelists in attendance were, Alabama State Senator Del Marsh and Dr. Lori Owens, JSU asst. professor political science.

Twinkle Cavanaugh, Alabama Republican Party Chairwoman, and Alabama State Representative Randy Wood were unable to attend.

Their seats were filled, however, by Tim Howe, the executive director of the Alabama Republican Party and Tony Borland, chairman of the Calhoun County Republican Party.

About 50 students attended the forum. At the start of the event, students were slow to ask questions of the panel.

After the College Republicans opened the floor with a couple of questions, other students began to ask what was on their mind.

One of the first topics cen-

# Strangers in a strange land

By: Jennifer Bacchus  
*The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief*

"Hit the sack" is listed on the board as the idiom of the day. Underneath it are different uses of the phrase, such as, "It's after midnight, I need to hit the sack." This may seem like common sense to you or me, but for a growing group of students on campus, these words can be very confusing.

Welcome to Jacksonville State University's English Language Institute. Here on the second floor of Salls Hall, 14 students from various countries around the globe learn to speak English as a second language.

Upon entry into ELI's system, the students are given a 25-page handbook that tells them everything from the department's policies to how to handle certain social situations. It even includes a section on restaurants and tipping, which tells a student how to find restaurant listings in the telephone directory and what percentage to give as a tip.

Despite the focus that the institution places on "academic English," the instructors also try to prepare their students for the type of language they hear on the streets. For this, they often use the help of "conversation buddies," students on campus who spend a couple of hours each week conversing with the students to give them a taste of conversational English.

Yohei Horishita, a Japanese



Photo By: Jennifer Bacchus

**Miguel Fiatt, Erick Brenes Cuadra and Maria Gil Garcia, students at the JSU English Language Institute hang out on the 12th floor of Houston Cole Library.**

this, acknowledging that he has a big problem understanding slang terms.

"I didn't know the meaning of 'fixin' to,' so I was confused," he said.

But slang isn't the only cultural hurdle that the students have to scale. Horishita also finds it distracting to watch Americans talk when they use

To aid with all of the cultural difficulties, the institute plans trips outside the classroom. This summer, the group took trips to Stone Mountain, Six Flags and even Braves' games.

"We went to Tybee Island, which is off the coast of Savannah, and the students asked us the second day, 'Where's the schedule?'" said Dr. Philip Perkins, the institute's

director, explaining that cultural differences even occur at times of recreation. "In Japan the whole society is super-scheduled to the minute and sometimes even vacations are scheduled."

In the classroom, the students are taken through exercises where they learn to listen to as well as speak, read and write English. They also learn neces-

sary skills for coping with life in America.

"Occasionally, if we seem to be getting off topic and it's something that they're interested in, well then I'll go in that direction," said Robert Klein, one of the instructors as he described a reading and writing class from the week before that turned into a discussion of Social Security numbers and immigration rules.

The institute has a partnership with a Japanese firm that sends students twice a year and they are looking to expand and gain partnerships in many other countries as well. Of the 14 current students, nine came to the program through the Japanese firm. The other five learned about the program online.

"I sent about 50 e-mails to different universities and it [JSU] was the first university that answered me and, really, their communication power was really impressive to me because they answered very fast," said Farshad Makanipoor, a native of Iran, on the reason he chose to study here.

The program itself impressed Maria Gil Garcia. She is a native of Spain, but came to JSU from Chicago after living for the last five years in Ireland, Scotland and London.

Because of her extensive travels through English-language countries she has a good grasp of the spoken language, but says she still needs help, "in my writing, mostly."

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One of the first topics centered on Hurricane Katrina and whether or not the government's actions that followed were racially motivated.

"It was really disappointing to have local officials to make a political issue out of a national tragedy," said Borland. "I think the President has done an outstanding job."

"I think it brings to the surface the fact that we all need to work together more," explained Marsh. He went on to say that he believes if the state and federal governments had been together in the matter, some things might have been avoided.

"Others besides the people in New Orleans were very devastated by this," added Owens. Marsh added that unfortunately, due to issues publicized in New Orleans, the concerns of these governments were not focused on.

Near the close of the event, Dr. Owens posed a question about the upcoming legislative year to the Senator.

"I'll tell you what you won't see is new taxes," replied Marsh.

In lower Alabama, citizens are in a lawsuit to challenge the +/- 5% deviation to base voting districts. This is making some districts have more people than others, creating more democratic districts.

"That could be the highlight of the next session," said Marsh

The forum gave attendees a chance to join Jacksonville State University College Republicans and allowed unregistered students the chance to fill out a voter registration card.

Yohei Horishita, a Japanese former ELI student, appreciates

# Tattoo You??

**By: David Howton**

*The Chanticleer Staff Writer*

As we grow up and decide what college we are going to attend, many of us usually experiment in various ways. Some of us take different classes and decide our major that way, some of us, . . . well, . . . uh, . . . yeah. And some of us get tattoos. Today, in three percent of American households, at least one person has a tattoo.

The world record for tattoos, according to the Guinness Book of World Records, is a Scottish ex-soldier, Tom Leppard, who has 99.9 percent of his body tattooed, leaving only the inner ear and the spaces between his toes. He is known as the "Leopard Man." Leppard shares this record with Australian Lucky Rich.

The leading ladies are Canada's Krystyne Kolorful and American Gnuse who each have

Americans talk when they use big arm and hand motions.



Photo By: Jennifer Bacchus

**A former JSU student's tattoo shows the artistic variations that can be accomplished with just ink and skin.**

95 percent done.

Tattoos have a long history, dating back to ancient times, and people get them for different reasons. Samuel O'Reilly revolutionized the way tattoos are done when he created the electronic tattooing machine. Machines now use either disposable or single-use needles.

These machines insert a small drop of ink an eighth of an inch under a person's skin at a rate of up to 3,000 times per minute. Depending upon the complexity

of design, the process takes anywhere from fifteen minutes to several hours, or sometimes months, to complete.

Randy Wilson, a 38 year old JSU graduate student from Tifton, GA, prefers the decoration and color to any special meaning. There are more than 100 different color variations. Each of Wilson's five tattoos has a history behind it, in the sense of the location where

**See Tattoo. Page 3.**

# Art Alliance reaches out

**By: Michael Peoples**

*The Chanticleer Staff Writer*

Under the new leadership of co-presidents Hope Weber and Sheena Brooks, Jacksonville State University's Art Alliance held a meeting on Tuesday, October 4.

So far this semester their main focus is giving back to the community. They are working with Dennis Dolan at The Boys and Girls Club to give the children exposure to the art world.

The Boys and Girls Club will come to Hammond Hall once a month to the showcasing art exhibit. Also once a month, at least one member will volunteer to give a lesson in

drawing and color to the children.

In addition, members will be volunteering time at Kitty Stone Elementary School sharing their knowledge of Art History, centered around a current school lesson. This will include a hands-on lesson and supplies to students.

The Art Alliance will hold a bake sale with a Halloween motif October 19-21 as one of their fundraisers this year. Hammond Hall will play host to the treats baked by club members.

The Art Alliance has an annual membership fee of \$5, which also grants membership to the Jacksonville Visual Arts Society.

Dr. Philip Perkins, the institute's

English. They also learn neces-

# Finding Faculty

**By: Reagan Williams**

*The Chanticleer Staff Writer*

"It's an ongoing task," said Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Rebecca Turner. The duty of hiring faculty has many committees and daunting processes that have to be dealt with.

All positions must be posted and searched nationally. The posting process itself can take up to three months. The time it takes to fill a position depends on the time of year, the level and type of position needed.

There are three reasons to add faculty; enrollment growth of core classes, the need in accredited graduate programs, and the retirement or resignation of professors.

In English, math, history, and music classes, as enrollment grows, as it has in the past few years, the need for faculty grows.

"We are currently addressing that as it happens," said Dr. Turner.

Planning ahead for growing needs is an important part of preparing for a balanced ratio of faculty to students in accredited departments.

"Due to the three empty positions," said criminal justice acting department head, Randal Wood, "we are not capable of offering as many classes as we would if we had those positions filled."

The criminal justice department is seeking a department head position and two faculty positions. With those people in place, the 500 criminal justice majors would be able to have more courses offered to them.

There is also a problem in the drama, communication, and counseling departments.

The master's program of technology currently needs three faculty members to fulfill their need.

"Our existing faculty have been very willing to do whatever was asked of them," said Terry Marbut, technology department head. "We do hope to be able to add a technical person...but that money has not been available as yet."

"It is hard to fill vacancies quickly," said Turner, "when a faculty member retires." There is an interim plan in place where part-time faculty fills the position until the full-time position can be filled.

The psychology department has had two faculty members retire, and the positions have not been filled. Due to that, some professors have had to take an overload.

"We don't drag our feet," said Turner. All hiring is done as quickly as possible.

The Alabama Commission on Higher Education regulates the faculty to student ratio on the state level, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools regulates on the regional level.

"We hired a record number of faculty this year," said Turner with 39 new additions.

Dr. Turner said that there is always a need of funding for core and accredited classes from the state. The funding needed is typically found internally and approved by the acting president.

The requirements to teach are having a master's degree with at least eighteen graduate hours in the teaching discipline. To be an assistant professor or higher you must have a doctorate.

JSU is currently seeking fifteen positions in various departments.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Lost and Found:** For lost items check UPD webpage at [police.jsu.edu/lostandfound.html](http://police.jsu.edu/lostandfound.html).

**NPHC:** Cocky Showdown Step Show October 29, 9 p.m., Pete Mathews Coliseum Tickets available NOW at the Office of Student Life, \$7 for students, \$10 for all else.  
Contact: [jsustepshow@hotmail.com](mailto:jsustepshow@hotmail.com)

**BCM:** Celebration every Tuesday, 8 p.m.

**JSU Writers' Club:** Meetings every Wednesday 4 p.m., 7th floor of Houston Cole Library The Dr. Robert U. Moersch Short Fiction Writing Contest is taking entrants through November 4.

**ECE:** On-line registration dates for the ECE are September 21- October 12. Room numbers are assigned during on-line registration.  
Contact: Mrs. Sellers at 782-5512 or [ssellers@jsu.edu](mailto:ssellers@jsu.edu)

**ACS:** Academic Computing Services is now located in Room 239 Self Hall.  
Contact: Stacy Mullins at 782-5381

**JSU Homecoming:** "Lights, Camera, Action!" Homecoming Pageant Applications and \$25.00 fee due October 7 at 4:30 in TMB 402.

**Relationship Violence Week:** October 3-7.  
Sponsored by JSU Counseling/Career Services.

**JSU Muslims:** Intro to Islam every Monday in room 303 of the TMB from 8 to 9 p.m., Islamic Awareness every Tuesday and Thursday in the TMB food court from 11 to 2 p.m., Friday Sermon every Friday in the chapel by the Cafeteria from 1 to 2 p.m.

The Chanticleer Announcements Policy: Any JSU student organization or University office may submit items for the Announcements column. Submissions **must** be typed, and must be limited to 20 words. Submissions **must** include a name and telephone number or e-mail address to contact for further information, this information does not count toward the 20-word total. Submissions **must** arrive at The Chanticleer offices in Room 180, Self Hall by 2 p.m. on the Monday prior to the desired publication date.

The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission for any reason. We also reserve the right to edit submissions for style, brevity, and clarity.

## CAMPUS CRIME

**9/28/05** Taylor Bethea Skellie reported the theft of a purse, debit card, student ID and driver's license from Sparkman Hall



Photo by: David Howton

# Separation of powers comes to SGA

**New bill makes the power of student government more like real governments.**

**By: Reagan Williams**  
*Chanticleer Staff Writer*

A bill to give the Student Judiciary Council jurisdiction over all appeals concerning elections passed during Monday's Student Government Association Senate Meeting. Student bill 45 is intended to provide a balance and separation of powers.

"We try to model our SGA on the real government," said Chief Justice Brandie Pollard in response to questions as to how this would affect the senate's power.

Senator Falen Cox expressed concern about favoritism. She

The SGA's committee heads recently returned from the National Association for Campus Activities with the award for "Most Outstanding Delegation" out of the entire Southern United States.

"Represent JSU, Represent SGA," is a common saying by SGA Vice President of Student Senate Justin Lord. Senator Tremaine Kelley was honored as Senator of the Month for upholding this ideal. Kelley has been known to encourage students by stating, "Ain't it great to be a gamecock."

In his monthly meeting with SGA President Mardracus Russell President Meehan said

tion will begin at 4 pm. The City of Jacksonville's lighting will also be held that night at 6 pm on the square.

The Jacksonville Christmas parade will be held December 1 at 6:30pm. Its theme will be "A Storybook Christmas."

This year, JSU will host, for the second time in a row, the High School SGA Conference. Our executive officers will each offer a different program to teach high school leaders how to run an efficient government at their school.

Senator Ashley Stedham informed the senate that Breast Cancer Awareness Walk will be held October 22 at 8 am on the

# Hispanic Heritage Month

**By: Constance Glenn**  
*The Chanticleer Staff Writer*

Hispanic Americans are rejoicing, celebrating, and observing Hispanic Heritage Month in the United States. JSU's SGA and international students are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 with a movie, soccer game, and Latin dance.

"Hispanic Heritage Month is about celebrating Hispanic cultural history in the United States that evolved throughout the centuries," said Professor Jorge Gonzalez of the History and Foreign Languages Department.

The first Hispanic heritage event was showing "Motorcycle Diaries," a film based on the journals of Che Guevara as he and a friend traveled across South America on motorcycles.

The next event was a soccer game in which the SGA played against the International Student Organization.

"It was funny watching Bulgarians, Mexicans, Japanese, and other nationalities play in the soccer game," said MariaJose Orgiz, a Guatemalan living in the International House.

The most publicized event of the month is the Latin Dance Party held Oct. 12 in the Theron Montgomery Building Auditorium from 7-10 p.m.

Soraya Molina, from Chile, said that she would merengue and regaeton dance in the event. Regaeton dancing is a "combination of reggae and rap with Latin rhythms," said Molina. Others, such as Orgiz, are looking forward to Salsa dancing.

Jeff Clark, the International Programs Coordinator, said that the objective of the International House and International Programs at Jacksonville State University is to provide students and the Jacksonville community with a "window to the world."

"Therefore, I believe that



9/29/05 Andrea Pruitt filed a harassing communications report on incidents that occurred between 9/7/05 and 9/28/05

10/3/05 Megan Denise Belcher was arrested in front of Sparkman Hall for failure to disperse and resisting arrest.

Information in Campus Crime is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Sallis Hall. These records are public documents that anyone has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe any information to be an error, call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

concern about favoritism. She worries that if the students have absolute power then the SGA could hand down biased judgments, but the JSU Constitution states that the President of JSU has the final say.

"With this delegation passed along we can do our job to benefit the students of Jacksonville," remarked Senator Tremaine Kelley.

Russell, President Meehan said that he was delighted that we now have Facebook, found at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).

"I'll be your friend," said Russell, who recently joined Facebook.

On November 28, Dr. Meehan will open up his home to all students to celebrate the lighting of Jacksonville's campus for Christmas. The celebra-

held October 22 at 8 am on the square in Jacksonville. The registration fee is \$10 and all proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

All senate meetings are held in the TMB in room 301 at 6 pm on Mondays. All students are welcome to attend.

"Therefore, I believe that Hispanic Heritage Month is an excellent opportunity to educate students about different Hispanic cultures and facilitate bridging the gap between students of Hispanic decent and those from around the world."

For the more information about the ISO, pick up their weekly magazine at the International House.

For information about the Latin Dance Party, contact Casie Sanders at 782-8491.

# NPHC: Proud to be Greek

By: Kimberly Davis  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

During National Panhellenic Council week, the NPHC Greeks displayed how proud they are to be Greek at JSU. Each organization of NPHC participated in the week by representing their fraternity or sorority, supporting the events and activities, and displaying information about Greek life, recruitment, community service, and hazing awareness.

The president of the National Pan-Hellenic Council and Iota Phi Theta

Fraternity, SirArthur Edwards said, "The purpose of NPHC week was to promote campus awareness of all Divine Nine Greeks." He also said, "This gave students something positive to do and it showed them that Greeks can get along with healthy competition."

The organized projects and activities were designed to get students involved so they could experience what the concept of Greek life is all about.

"This week was to promote service and to have fun; we want students to see that JSU Greeks are more than what you think, and we are proud to be Greeks at JSU," said NPHC Advisor and Assistant Director of Student Life Eddie Banks-Crosson. The main motivation for the Greeks during National Pan-Hellenic Council Week was to show how proud they were to be Greeks at JSU and to show how much they loved their fraternity or sorority.

"I am proud to be an Alpha because we are distinguish gentlemen who set and achieve goals. Three characteristics that describe all Alphas is scholarly, gentlemen, and tenacious. We rank the second highest GPA in the NPHC and we set the standards for Greeks," said Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity President Jeremy Hayes.

"I am extremely proud to be a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., because Deltas are strong, intelligent, confident women, who strive to make an impact on society through community service and other extreme contributions of time and service. We constantly uplift each other, society and other organizations through scholarship and sisterhood. We always strive for excellence in everything we attempt. The accomplishments Delta has made make me proud to be a Delta. I love Delta with all my heart," said Delta Sigma Theta member Alkreala Cameron.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has the highest GPA in the NPHC and, they are known for their community service.

"I am proud to be a Phi Beta Sigma because we live by community service. Before the parties, we are humanitarians helping other people during crisis such as Hurricane Katrina. We help people who are less fortunate. Phi Beta Sigma is the best around and, I thank God for blessing me to be a Sigma because I have developed a deeper appreciation for Greek life," said Phi Beta Sigma Vice-President Mike Willis. Phi Beta Sigma is trying to reach out a helping hand to the community.

Sigma Gamma Rho Vice President Marquitta Williams said, "I am proud to be a Sigma Gamma Rho because it is the greatest sorority founded by women for women. We are jazzy, classy, and very educated. We sponsor programs such as buckle up America and we mentor teenage moms." Sigma Gamma Rhos are well educated young women working to make a difference in the community.

"I am proud to be an Omega because it represents manhood, responsibility which means taking care of what's first and foremost, scholarship which means being on top of your school work, perseverance which mean pressing your way through trials and tribulations, and uplift which

means uplifting the next person," said Omega Psi Phi Fraternity KRS Greg Pointdujour. He also said, "Other fraternities are just fraternities but, we are friends first and foremost. We are brothers and, we talk to each other and we are together on a daily basis." The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity displays brotherhood on campus and they are also active in the community.

They served in a variety of community service activities such as Habitat for Humanity and a blood drive for Hurricane Katrina.

Zeta Phi Beta President Krystal Aaron said, Zetas are diverse, strong, and independent women with a common goal to improve upon ourselves and the community as a whole.

"Being a part of Zeta has given me numerous opportunities socially, spiritually, emotionally, and an academic experience that I could have not achieved without Zeta. It has taught me how to be a leader in the community, and I am proud to be a Zeta because of the foundations it was built on is our driving principle today." Aaron also said, "When I look at my sorority I see the world, change, innovation, and miraculous things that will come about."

The Zetas are very active in their community and, they are striving to improve on the community with student tutoring and soup kitchens to strengthen the foundation in society for the future generation. They describe their community service as educating the community with a hands on approach.

"I am most and proud to be an Iota so, I can have a chance to display my leadership capabilities, promote campus involvement in a positive way, and show the campus that being Greek is an elite option said," Iota Phi Theta President SirArthur Adams.

Adams also said, "Iotas are down to earth,

approachable, not above everyone. We remain at a reachable level and we build traditions and not rest upon them."

The National Pan-Hellenic Council Week showed students that Greeks are leaders and they can be portrayed in a positive way. Greeks wanted to give students a behind the scenes footage of what Greek life is really about and at the same time get students to go Greek.

The NPHC Greeks wanted students to see that they do have unity and, they can work together as one to achieve their goals. Delta Sigma

Theta Sorority Inc., President Marshonntri Reid said, "The purpose of NPHC week was to bring Greeks and students together regardless of the person and the affiliated organization and to display unity and fun." Reid also emphasized a quote by saying, "No matter the letter we are all Greek together."

The National Pan-Hellenic Council displayed what Greek life is really all about. They showed love for their fraternities and sororities, unity, and they showed the students that they are the leaders on the campus.

Brigitte Powell a junior said, "They represented their organization very well and, I can really tell that it meant something to them. They were so proud to be apart of their organization; it made me want to join an organization like theirs."

The NPHC Advisor and Assistant Director of Student Life Eddie Banks-Crosson said, " They worked hard and as a weekly reward they had fun and I tell them all the time that they should be proud to be Greeks at JSU. And they should hold this dear to their hearts because everyone has not experienced what they have and they are fortunate."

Terri Bowen & Curtis Sessions, Owners

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**IN-A-FLASH**

# take a little dip

By Audrey Hykes  
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Incoming students at Jacksonville State University who took the ACT, a standardized college-entry test with a 36-point maximum, must have a minimum score of 19 to be unconditionally accepted. According to the JSU Fact book, in fall 2004, 327 first-time freshmen at JSU scored below 19 on the test.

Alabama high school graduates scored below the national average on the ACT this year, according to a report from ACT.org. The average of Alabama's students was 20.2, where the national average was 20.9.

For those students entering JSU who score below 19, Learning Services are offered. These are classes that focus on developing the students' skills to get them up to speed.

Conditional admission or acceptance into JSU, if the student takes Learning Services, is offered to students with scores between 16 and 18.

They must enroll in classes where they lack skills, participate in academic counseling and advisement activities and develop the skills they lack within one year, according to the JSU Catalog.

Students who score a 14 or 15 must take ExSEL, a summer developmental studies program. They can be accepted on conditional admission if they complete the program or obtain the minimum required ACT score of 19, as explained in the JSU Catalog.

Alicia Simmons, acting director of the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at JSU, explained that a current study is looking at the comparison of ExSEL and Learning Services students to regular students and their graduation rates.

"Students who successfully complete Learning Services courses or services continue to succeed at JSU at about the same levels as students who entered with more preparedness," said Dr. Claudia McDade from Learning Services.

She explained that there was a particular student not too long ago who applied at JSU with an ACT

score of 8. After taking the required remediation courses and graduating from JSU, she became an executive for Xerox.

Another student came in with a score of 14, earned a master's degree in criminal justice, and is now an Alabama State Trooper. A different student came to JSU with a 13, later became homecoming queen and earned a master's and a doctorate at a Tennessee university.

According to the study comparing graduation rates, most students who complete the LS developmental courses earn a "C" or better.

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# OPINION

## The Bacchus driving course

By: Jennifer Bacchus  
The Chanticleer  
Editor-in-Chief



Last Thursday, as I was driving up the road I was inspired by the two ignorant people in front of me to write a piece teaching people how to drive.

Don't get me wrong. I'm no expert. I've had my fair share of accidents and tickets. I've run more than a couple stop signs in my day and I must admit I tend to speed. However, I do know how to merge and I'm a very conscientious alert driver.

Growing up in Tuscaloosa, not to mention the fact that I learned how to drive in a cemetery, I learned how to speed pretty early on. But my best vehicular education came when I was driving back and forth to Cook Springs from Demopolis one summer. On that route, you learn how to merge REALLY QUICKLY.

Then I moved up here. Within the first year I learned that red lights mean go to a lot of people and green means stop to that same percentage.

A friend of mine told me a story about seeing cars on Quintard Avenue having a head-on collision in a median. It's shocking to me that such things can happen.

Some of you people need to go back to driver's ed. Some need to take it for the first time. In the meantime, a few pointers from me to you.

**The acceleration lane is used to speed up to the flow of traffic.** I can't count the number of times that I've seen someone stopped in an acceleration lane. Hell, I hit someone who did it once. Just don't do it. Speed up and MERGE.

**If you are going the same speed as the car beside you, get behind them.**

You're holding up the flow of traffic, get out of my way. This, incidentally, is what the two ignorant fools were doing Thursday. **The WHOLE WAY** from Anniston to Jacksonville. And at five miles per hour below the speed limit too.

Seriously, though, you can go the same speed as you already are, but this way the two of you are taking up only one lane instead of two.

**If the light is red and you are in the middle of the intersection you have the right of way.** Please don't just sit there. No one can get past you.

**I know the speed limit is the maximum speed you can go, but going 15 mph is just ridiculous.** Seriously, I was late for work one day because I got behind a jerk doing exactly that.

**I love it when you use your blinkers, really I do, just don't turn them on a mile before your turn.** You people who do this confuse me, but not nearly as bad as the ones who leave their blinker on. I once saw a guy who had his left blinker on until he decided to get into the right lane. Guess what - his right blinker was on after that for the longest time.

**The signs aren't kidding when they say "slower traffic keep right."** Once a friend of mine got a ticket on the interstate for passing on the right. She did it because the fool in the left lane was going slower. I've always thought the she should have fought harder against getting it. I would have if I had gotten it.

Really, if everyone is passing you, get over and do the speed you want in the appropriate lane.

**Ok, now a few words about four-way stops.**

The first one there goes first. While I love playing the "You go, no you go" game. It gets old. If you got there first, just go. I was once the third person to arrive at a stop sign and the first to leave. Mostly because I have no patience.

I will allow for an exception to that rule: if two people arrive at the same time, I'm relatively ok with the "you go" game. Never could figure out who's right we were supposed to go by and when the two cars are directly across from each other that can REALLY be confusing. So play, have fun, may the busiest person win.

**And last, but not least, learn how to make a left hand turn.** If you have

problems with this, there are plenty of places around town where there are four-way stops and you can practice.

**At a traffic light, you go left** when it's clear, when you have an arrow or when the oncoming car is taking a left as well. It works out beautifully, both of you turning left at the same time. It's like a graceful ballet.

If you need to turn left and the traffic is against you, go to a place where you can make the turn easier. This applies to all you people who sit in the middle of Hwy. 21. Drive forward a block or two to a traffic light, it will actually save time in the long run.

Hope this helped and that you'll all be safer drivers. I know I'll feel safer anyway.

## Mrs. Smith goes to Washington

By: Patrick Swafford  
The Chanticleer Assistant  
Sports Editor

Money. It's the root of all things evil, or in this case, all things pointless and annoying. The US Supreme Court has decided to hear the case of Marshall v. Marshall, better known as Marshall v. Anna Nicole Smith.

Smith, whose real name is Vickie Lynn Marshall, married 89-year old Texas oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall in 1993 while working as a stripper.

The 1993 Playboy Playmate

Marshall's son, Pierce, over the family estate ever since then. She claimed that even though she was not included in the will, Marshall promised her millions of dollars. A Texas probate court had declared Pierce the sole heir of the estate, but in 2002, a California federal judge awarded Smith \$88.5 million. However, a US appeals court threw out that ruling, stating that the California judge did not have jurisdiction.

Why is the media forcing this crap down our throats? Her acting was horrible. Her

that this country needs to be worrying about right now: rebuilding New Orleans, bringing the troops back home, finding a true way to determine a National Champion in college football, but no. We have to hear about Anna Nicole Smith and her gold digging adventures.

There are just some things that a normal person would do for \$88.5 million, but I'm not that anxious to have it made for the rest of my life. You want my opinion? Give her the money. Think about it, she slept with that old guy. In my

# Post-Herald

QUESTION  
OF THE  
WEEK:

WHAT HAS BEEN  
ON YOUR MIND  
THIS WEEK?



Candace Harris  
Freshman

"My classmate, Psychology"



Jessica Phillips  
Junior

"Time management, so I  
can't get stressed out."



# posts its last issue



Sarah Caine  
Freshman

"Tests I guess. I have one  
in English and one in  
Biology."



Alejandro Loera  
Sophomore

"Not being dumped this  
week."

By: James Barcus  
Chanticleer Staff Writer

The first edition of what was known as the Birmingham Post-Herald had obscure beginnings. The name of the paper was unique for the time, which was 155 years ago. The paper lived in the legacy of the First Amendment before the day of big corporations owning fistfuls of newspapers and other media.

September 23 marked the end of an extraordinary run. The Post-Herald had outlived its ability to change with the times and readership dwindled to just over 8,000 subscribers. This was the paper that covered the tornado outbreak of 1974 remarkably well considering the storms were still happening at the time the paper went to press.

Looking at the microfilm of the Post-Herald recently for a class assignment brought back some interesting memories of some copies

I had purchased when visiting the Birmingham area. I purchased a copy of the Post-Herald in the time of the Clinton Impeachment hearings. I also have a copy of the final Sunday strip of the famous Peanuts

comic, with Snoopy typing a letter on top of his doghouse. It ran the same day as news of Charles Schulz's death streamed on the internet and news networks.

The Post-Herald covered the 1989 Jones Valley Tornado that ripped through Huntsville and eastern Madison County, as well as the Palm Sunday 1994 twister that tore through Piedmont. The extra of 9/11 was printed by every paper, including the Post-Herald.

When the Post-Herald merged with the Birmingham News in the mid-1990's, it continued to print as it had for over a century. However, Scripps-Howard Publishing broke a cardinal rule of journalism when the paper got "stale." They should have invested in creative talent, making the paper more in-tune with today's readers.

Some of the reporters of Birmingham's oldest paper still work for the parent company in other departments of the Birmingham News, while others have retired with the paper's last edition. My only regret is that I don't have the final copy of the Post-Herald.

The 1993 Playboy Playmate of the Year was 26 at the time. Two years later, Marshall passed away.

Anna Nicole has fought with

Her acting was horrible. Her reality TV show gave me nightmares. Why do we have to deal with this?

There are so many things

slept with that old guy. In my book, she earned it. Just please, for the love of all things sacred, keep her off TV.



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# FEATURES

## Keeping it in the family

By: Jessica Summe  
Chanticleer Features Writer

Larry Hill and his family love NASCAR, but their old Ford van wasn't cutting it. Even after they added a viewing platform to the top, it was still too small.

That's when Hill had a flash of inspiration and sent his wife, Jackie, to a local auction. A thousand dollars later, the Hills had the beginnings of an answer to their problem.

A regular yellow school bus.

Four years later, that school bus is now a NASCAR fan's dream. The viewing platform on top runs all the way across the roof, with racing flags evenly spaced along the guardrail. A fold-out canopy from a RV is set up on the left side of the bus while the right side still retains the fold-out stop sign from its early days.

"I did all the work myself, but we're not done yet," says Hill, pointing to the empty space behind the driver's seat. "I'm gonna move the generator there so we can set up a sitting area in back." The inside of the bus has six bunks, a small bathroom, a tiny but complete kitchen, two dining tables, and is illuminated by the morning sun and a galaxy of Christmas lights across the ceiling.

The Hills are from Owen's Crossroads, outside of Huntsville, AL. They've been attending the races at Atlanta, Daytona, Charlotte,

and Talladega for years. Now that they have the bus, they can bring family or friends along to the races, even if they cheer for a different driver than the Hills. This trip, they have five guests for the weekend, arriving at Talladega Thursday night and planning on leaving late Sunday.

"We've got a lot of food," says Jackie Hill, who is presently frying three pounds of ham for breakfast. "I've already made three dozen biscuits, and I'll have a pot of sausage gravy in a little bit."

The kitchen has a stove, oven, microwave, coffee-maker, and small sink while dark wooden cabinets are installed on the opposite side. Hill plans on adding more storage cabinets above the windows.

"It wasn't as hard as it looks," says Hill, who designed everything from the dining tables to the viewing platform. "It just takes a little bit of work."

He pauses. "Well, it needed all new tires when we first got it."

Another interesting vehicle is the converted Greyhound bus owned by the Purdy family.

"We bought it off of Ebay," said Barbara Purdy. "We had to fly up to Michigan to pick it up and drive it back." She scoops more eggs onto her plate and then gestures to the bus with her fork. "It sleeps seven,

there too, so all nine of us have a bed." They've only had the bus a year, and already plan on at least adding guardrails to the bus' roof by next year.

Two lots down, in Lot 309, is a true NASCAR fan: Steve Killen. He's attended every race at Talladega. He was at the first race in 1979, and ever since Talladega started having two races each year, he's been to every fall race.

"It's a whole neighborhood," he says of the Frontrunners lot, a reserved RV park in Talladega's infield. "We actually had some friends from Louisiana who couldn't make it. They'll be at the next race, but they always brought this awesome Cajun food." Killen's RV is parked right by Turn Four. The only thing separating his RV from the track is a chain-link fence and rather imposing embankment.

"It's a really safe place during the race, and we never have any trouble after," he says, gesturing farther infield, to the other RV lots. "They'll get rowdy at night, but it's much calmer here."

When asked if there were any standout moments from 20 years of watching NASCAR, Killen replied, "There's a couple of bad crashes I remember. After so long, they all start to run together. But it's always a really good time."



Photo by: Jessica Summe

JSU students Cara Yeargan and Ty Hunt attend the race at Talladega.

## Students make trip to Talladega

By: Jessica Summe  
Chanticleer Features Writer

"You can't pay for these tickets," squealed Amanda Whitlock on Sunday morning. An usher for the Nextel Cup race, Amanda is located on O.V. Hill South, section C---the coveted seats right beside and under the box seats at Talladega Superspeedway.

It's Amanda's first time at Talladega, and since she's a race fan, she's just a little bit excited.

a little girl, who is about to wander off to find her father. "The lines are really long. Why don't you just sit and wait for him?"

Other fraternities and sororities from many different schools are also working the race.

"I wouldn't miss this for the world," says gate guard Jason Hixon, a Pi Kappa Phi member from Kennesaw State University. "It's the redneck Mardi Gras!"

working with AmericaCrown, a catering company. Most of the guys are serving in the hospitality tents, but some are runners, who deliver food and drinks to various destinations in the venue.

Sigma Pi secretary, Brandon Wood, is a certified bartender, so he's mixing drinks in the hospitality center.

"I'm just here in case anyone wants a bloody mary," he says.



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then gestures to the bus with her fork. "It sleeps seven, and there's a fold-out sofa in

together. But it's always a really good time."

bit excited.

"It's going to be insane once the race starts," she continues. "I just wish that I could sit down, and I wish I'd brought some sunscreen." She holds up a tanned arm that's already turning a dusky shade of red.

Amanda is here raising money for her sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi. Her and 47 of her sisters have been at their usher or ticket stations since seven in the morning, and they won't be released until after the race is over. As ushers, they help race fans find their seats, but sometimes there's a little more to it.

Like a bit of free babysitting

"He went to get something to eat," Amanda tells

Gras!"

Well, there are an obscene amount of beads and beer around the track.

The Phi Mu sisters are also gate guards, checking coolers and bags. The Sigma Phi Epsilon guys are handing out brochures.

"We've been doing this for two years," says Jake Nix. "Before we were working with the Anniston Star, handing out papers. We like this better."

They like it better because they get to go home at 1:30, thirty minutes after the race starts.

If only everyone was that lucky.

"It was fun until we had to start cleaning up," said Jeremiah Evans, the vice-president of Sigma Pi. The Sigma Pi brothers are

mary," he says.

The Sigma Pi guys didn't sign out until four, but that's still earlier than Scott Spivey will leave. His family sells Talladega souvenirs, and this is Scott's tenth year working the race.

"I've been working here since I was 12," he says. "It's ok as long as we stay out of the sun. It's too hot."

While there are a lot of JSU students working the race, there are many who have come to Talladega just for fun.

"This is my second race, and Ty's tenth," says Cara Yeargan, a cheerleader at JSU. "I came here with my cousins. It's really exciting."



Photo by: Jessica Summe

Race fan Larry Hill with the yellow school bus that his wife bought for \$1,000 at an auction attended Talladega race week.

# Thirty years young

By: Jeff Pruitt  
Chanticleer Features Editor

From its humble beginning as a 10 watt FM station in the basement of Bibb Graves Hall, to pumping out 6,000 watts at its current location in Self Hall, WLJS-92J has now been serving JSU students and the surrounding community for 30 years.

To celebrate this, the station recently played host to some familiar faces from the past.

John Turner, original faculty advisor and former communications professor, along with Mike Sandifer, who was the original station manager, paid a visit to the studio on Thursday, September 29.

As part of the event, an original broadcast of the station's first hour from September 29, 1975

was played. It included a speech by then JSU Vice-President Theron Montgomery, who later became president of JSU, and musical programming with Sandifer serving as DJ.

Also there was Mike Stedham, current faculty advisor, and 92J Program Director Donnie Wells.

"To be listening to that tape from 30 years ago, sitting in the room with the guy was amazing," said Wells.

He likened it to "history you can see or, in this case, rather hear."

Later that night, the celebration moved to Brother's Bar. As part of the 92J Birthday Bash, Jacob Probus opened the festivities with his one-man acoustic show and was followed by the Birmingham-based band, Suburban Love Junkies. 92J offered refreshments

in the form of pizza and birthday cake for those attending.

In the 30 years 92J has been around, the station has employed many students. But, one current DJ, Chris Yow, has the distinction of following in his father's footsteps.

Chuck Yow was a DJ in 1978 while attending JSU and Chris says his father "can't believe it lasted 30 years."

Even as a teenager, Chris knew he wanted to work in radio.

"Part of it is the fact that I want to be a sportscaster," said Chris, but he also credits his father's time at 92J as influencing his decision.

Chris said, "He was excited that I had the opportunity to be a second generation broadcaster."



Photo by: Jennifer Bacchus

Faculty Advisor Mike Stedham is shown here with former Faculty Advisor John Turner in the 92J studio as the campus radio station celebrates its thirtieth anniversary.





# REVIEWS

## Suicide is...hilarious?

By: Jason Keener  
Chanticleer Features Writer

Michael Parness' "Max & Grace" is a romantic comedy about young love, mental illness, and suicidal tendencies.

It begins with Max's (David Krumholtz) birthday party, the venue for yet another suicide attempt. A failure, his parents send him to a mental institution full of cinematic mental institution stereotypes. There he meets Grace (Natasha

Lyonne) and it's love at first sight. At least, it is for Max.

Teaming up with his doctor (Tim Blake Nelson in one of his four roles), Max begins reading books on mental illness in hopes to cure her. Believing that her medication is keeping her behind, he leads an escape with the help of his disturbed friends. Out on the road, responsibility hits Max hard as he has to

foil Grace's suicide attempts as fast as she can dish them out.

"Max & Grace" is a light and entertaining work. At times and even in title, it's a bit too much like "David and Lisa" and "Harold and Maude," which turns it into sort of a movie game as you try to remember what film you've seen a certain scene from. I still wouldn't go so far as to label it

unoriginal, however, unless I'm merely oblivious to the film where Mr. Bubble thwarts a suicide attempt.

There are a lot of familiar faces in the supporting cast, most notably Rosanna Arquette, Guillermo Díaz and Karen Black. Krumholtz tackles a leading role acceptably but it's to his disadvantage that he's paired up with the very talented and beautiful

Lyonne. The quirky dark comedy is the genre she was made for and she excels in "Max & Grace" as usual.

**This film appeared at The Alabama Theatre in Birmingham, AL on Sept. 24 as part of the annual Sidewalk Moving Picture Festival.**

## Book Review: The Sunday Wife By: Cassandra King

By: Jessica Sunfme  
The Chanticleer Feature Writer

What in the world could be interesting about a preacher's wife? In the case of Dean Lynch, the namesake of *The Sunday Wife*, absolutely nothing. Well, that's what she wishes.

You've heard the phrase 'reluctant hero'? Well, Mrs. Reverend Benjamin Lynch is a reluctant troublemaker. In spite of all of her efforts to be a good 'sunday wife,' trouble and controversy blossom around Dean like

band while her friends look on and laugh in the golden Florida sun.

Just when it seems that everything might begin settling down, a terrible accident occurs that practically kicks Dean down a path she never even imagined possible. It's only then she stops questioning her life and starts changing it to suit her instead of changing herself to suit everyone else.

This book is alive in every possible sense. It starts out simple enough, but the far-

## How much does it cost to look good?

By: Kathryn Vernon  
Special Report for The Chanticleer

How much money are you willing to pay for good clothes? Well let me tell you about some really cool stores that are in our area.

They are called consignment stores, and they carry name brand clothes, at a fraction of what the big stores charge.

The list of stores I have compiled has not only hip clothes, but also business clothes that we will need upon graduation. We need to start building our professional wardrobe now, and what better way than at these wonderful stores.

\* Second Act – 237-9721 Owner  
Nancy J. Rutledge

\* The Purple Store-782-1378  
Owner Chandia & Jack Payment

\* Sonja's Second Hand-435-6606

I have been in these shops and have seen the new and used clothes that are in excellent condition.

The owners are friendly and more than willing to help in any way they can. The reason I started to investigate these stores is simple. I am a senior about to graduate, and I needed to build my professional wardrobe.

I also needed some place close to JSU, because of gas prices. We have enough

**Jacksonville**  
Brother's Bar  
Thursday Oct. 6, 2005  
92J College Nite  
Friday Oct. 7, 2005  
Year and a Day, Rockets to Ruin  
Saturday Oct. 8, 2005  
Taylor Hollingsworth, The  
Capes, GWC  
Monday Oct. 10, 2005  
Open Mic Nite  
Tuesday Oct. 11, 2005  
Acoustic Nite w/ Jacob Probus  
Wednesday Oct. 12, 2005  
Ladies Nite w/ DJ Crash

**Gadsden**  
Antonelli's  
Thursday Oct. 6, 2005  
Albert Simpson  
Friday Oct. 7, 2005  
Span Wagon  
Saturday Oct. 8, 2005  
Highly Kind  
Wednesday Oct. 12, 2005  
Albert Simpson  
Chestnut Station  
Friday Oct. 7, 2005  
The Velcro Pygmies  
Saturday Oct. 8, 2005  
Fly-By Radio  
Second Street Music Hall  
Friday Oct. 7, 2005  
Tinsley Ellis  
Saturday Oct. 8, 2005  
The Zillionaires

**Birmingham**  
The Nick  
Thursday Oct. 6, 2005  
The Agency, Chalk  
Friday Oct. 7, 2005  
Billy Joe Shaver, Caddle  
Saturday Oct. 8, 2005  
The Codetalkers w/ Col. Bruce  
Hampton, The Tombstones,  
Watershed  
Sunday Oct. 9, 2005  
R'Tist, 88 Faces, Bomb  
Productions  
Monday Oct. 10, 2005  
The Warlocks, Gris Gris, The  
Capes  
Tuesday Oct. 11, 2005  
Heartless Bastards, Taylor  
Hollingsworth  
Wednesday Oct. 12, 2005  
Jackit, Standard Candle

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**Workplay**  
 Friday Oct. 7, 2005  
 The Glengary Bhoys, Hooley  
 Wednesday Oct. 12, 2005  
 The Robert Cray Band, The  
 Michael Warren Band  
**Zydeco**  
 Thursday Oct. 6, 2005  
 Great American Taxi w/ Vince  
 Herman of Leftover Salmon  
 Friday Oct. 7, 2005  
 A Tribute to Guns-n-Roses  
 Saturday Oct. 8, 2005  
 17th Floor  
 Monday Oct. 10, 2005  
 PHIX: A Tribute to Phish  
 Tuesday Oct. 11, 2005  
 Scott Miller, Commonwealth  
 Wednesday Oct. 12, 2005  
 Metric, The Lovely Feathers,  
 The Most Serene Public  
**Boutwell Auditorium**  
 Friday Oct. 7, 2005  
 My Chemical Romance  
**BJCC Arena**  
 Saturday Oct. 9, 2005  
 Widespread Panic

**Atlanta**  
**Smith's Olde Bar**  
 Sunday Oct. 9, 2005  
 Illbreak, The Warm Gunns,  
 Bullets & Octane  
 Monday Oct. 10, 2005  
 The Big Wu  
 Tuesday Oct. 11, 2005  
 The Warlocks, Gris Gris  
 Wednesday Oct. 12, 2005  
 Heartless Bastards, Taylor  
 Hollingsworth  
**Variety Playhouse**  
 Saturday Oct. 8, 2005  
 Dar Williams  
 Tuesday Oct. 11, 2005  
 The Robert Cray Band  
**The Fox Theatre**  
 Thursday Oct. 6--Oct. 9, 2005  
 Tyler Perry's "Madea Goes To  
 Jail"  
**Coca-Cola Roxy Theatre**  
 Thursday Oct. 6, 2005  
 My Morning Jacket, Kathleen  
 Edwards  
 Saturday Oct. 8, 2005  
 Matt Nathanson, Matt Wertz,  
 Kate Earl  
 Monday Oct. 10, 2005  
 Liz Phair  
 Wednesday Oct. 12, 2005  
 Julieta Venegas  
**Gwinnett Center**  
 Saturday Oct. 8, 2005  
 My Chemical Romance,  
 Alkaline Trio  
**Phillips Arena**  
 Sunday Oct. 9, 2005  
 Usher

trouble and controversy blossom around Dean like flowers after a storm.

Freshly arrived in the town of Crystal Springs, Florida, Dean swears she'll be an asset to her husband and his rapidly-rising career in the church. But the very first Sunday, Dean meets Augusta Holderfield, the wife of Crystal Spring's most prominent citizen, and the story just explodes from there.

Befriended by the irresistible and mischievous Augusta, Dean is whirled into a world of adulterous church officials, Christian extremists, Gypsy fortunetellers, and bluegrass music.

Torn between her new life and the expectations of her husband and his parish, Dean struggles to maintain her reputation while repressing her instincts, conscience, and tongue. Her failures to do so are spectacular, shocking the town and her hus-

band. Simple enough, but the farther in you get, the more it sucks you in with its unique and completely believable characters, shining settings, and compelling plotline.

As a special bonus, there is the food. The descriptions of true southern cooking, freshly-made seafood, and traditional comfort dishes are vivid enough to make even the most hardcore dieter break down and crave a large, hot, fattening meal, preferably deep-fried and covered with butter, with a couple of gallons of iced tea to wash it down with.

Selected by the Literary Guild, Doubleday Book Club, Book-of-the-Month Club, and Oprah herself, *The Sunday Wife* is an educational and emotional read that teaches the difference between real love, blind faith, and how dangerous it is not to be able to tell the difference.

way than at these wonderful stores.

Here is the list of stores in our area, all within easy traveling distance of JSU.

- \* Twice As Nice – 835- 7778 Owner Michelle Stone
- \* Jennifer's Closet – 225-2433 Owner Jennifer Malone
- \* Trader Rick's – 831-4000

because of gas prices. We have enough expenses without the added cost of over paying for good clothing. We have other things that we can use the savings on, such as bills or entertainment.

Whatever the reason you have for wanting to save money, these stores are the best way to help you achieve it.




Hammond Hall Gallery is currently hosting an exhibition titled "Sounded Within Dimness" by Tuscaloosa native Sarah Marshall (center), an assistant professor of art/printmaking at the University of Alabama. A special reception was held Tuesday night and the artist's prints will be on display until Wednesday, October 26.

# As easy as bump, set... win

*"We just wanted to go and show off and do what we can. We know how well we can play and we wanted to do that. I think we did a pretty close job of doing that tonight." Senior Kim Halbach*

**By Patrick Swafford**

*The Chanticleer Assistant Sports Editor*

It was a great week to be a member of the JSU volleyball team, but a horrible one if you had to play them.

The Gamecocks improved their record to 7-7 on the season and 4-0 in OVC play with straight game sweeps at Samford Wednesday and at home against Tennessee Tech on Friday.

If consistency was JSU's biggest problem coming into the match with Samford, it became Samford's biggest problem on Wednesday. JSU crushed point after point past the Bulldog defense on the way to a 30-24, 30-20, 33-31 victory.

"That is basically what we've been working on the entire season," said Katie Moyers. "We practice and do drills, but the main focus has been attitude and being aggressive and attacking all the time."

The Gamecocks made it nearly impossible for Samford to focus on their primary weapon, attacking from all sides with every possible attacker. Abbey Breit led the charge with six of her game high 16 kills while Rebekah Nichols delivered five of her 11 total in game one.

JSU's aggressive offense got the attention of the Samford student section in game two. Each time the Gamecocks would serve, the very vocal student section would do their best to rattle the team by chanting the server's name. After an earth-shattering kill by Suzi Terrell made it 18-12, the chant of "steroids" echoed throughout the building.

From there, the Gamecocks fed off the energy of the crowd, punishing

contributing 5 kills and a service ace. Terrell finished the night with 11 kills.

"That's just motivation for us," said Breit. "They're talking crap to us and yelling things that they think is going to get our confidence down, but it did the opposite."

The Bulldogs fell behind quickly in game three, but battled back and took the lead late in the game before the Gamecocks took a timeout.

"Our main phrase was 'Head Up'," said Moyers. "You might have screwed up. They might have made a good play, but it doesn't matter. Next point, be aggressive and go at them."

After the time out, the Gamecocks went back to work, finishing the Bulldogs off with help from Moyers, who had five of her 10 kills in game three.

The story Friday night wasn't the consistent offensive production or the aggressive defense. It was total domination.

The Gamecocks saw all five hitters with double digits in kills, led by Terrell and Nichols with 12 in the 30-24, 30-21, 30-14 win over Tennessee Tech.

"That's the best balance we've had," JSU coach Rick Nold said. "It's something we look for because we don't want somebody to sit there and stack up on one hitter."

JSU went right after the Golden Eagles, knocking down five aces in the first game and used the momentum built off that to pour on the punishment. In all, the Gamecocks had 12 aces on the night.

"We pretty much had the intention of going out and killing them the whole time," Kim Halbach said. "We

just wanted to go and show off and do what we can. We know how well we can play and we wanted to do that. I think we did a pretty close job of doing that tonight."

From there, the Gamecocks spread the ball around, attacking from practically everywhere on the floor. Each time JSU went on the offensive, Tennessee Tech seemed confused as to who they should try and stop.

"A lot of that credit goes to our passers," Halbach said. "They passed very well which means our setter can give it to whoever she wants. With that, it confuses the blockers on the other side. We had a single block from the other team the whole time. With that type of blocking, we should be able to put the ball down every time."

The Gamecocks annihilated Tennessee Tech in game three, going on a 12-0 run halfway through the game with Jessica Starck dropping three of her game high five aces on the Golden Eagles during the run.

The wins give the Gamecocks serious momentum going into the next two weeks, where they will play four very tough road games against conference opponents, including reign-



Photo: Alex Stillwagon

**Suzi Terrell and the rest of the Gamecocks take the show on the road.**

ing conference champion, Eastern Kentucky.

"One of the things that we need to be a championship type team is that we have to really almost enjoy playing on the road," Nold said. "I want them to feed off that energy from the crowd, whether it's the good energy of being at home or the bad energy of

the road. That's something you can use either way. I think these four games are going to be a good test in terms of us getting comfortable with that part of it. It's going to be a tough couple of weekends, but that's the couple of weekends we need to go through right now."



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# Gamecock Spotlight of the Week

By Patrick Swafford  
*The Chanticleer Assistant Sports Editor*

The old saying goes "Offense sells tickets, defense wins championships." That's been true throughout history: The '85 Chicago Bears, the '92 Crimson Tide, and...the '04 JSU volleyball team? The way they've been playing as of late, it's a strong possibility. The Gamecocks are off to a 4-0 start in OVC play and after crushing Samford and Tennessee Tech last week; they are showing no signs of slowing down. The Chanticleer sat down with the backbone of JSU's all-time leader in kills, Kisha West, for this week's Spotlight of the Week and found out that the senior libero is all business both on and off the court, but at times has a way of letting her fun loving side show.

CS: For the readers that don't know, explain what a libero does.

West: It's a defensive specialist. When a hitter is on the back row, I can go in and sub for them without using a substitution. I can't jump and hit and I wear a different color jersey.

CS: What does it mean to you to

know that you're in JSU's record books?

West: Right now, I'm just trying to kill the record so that when I do leave, it doesn't get broken again. It's a nice thing. I care about winning, but having a record obviously is nice.

CS: Why did you choose JSU?

West: I liked Rick (Nold), a lot. A lot of the other schools I visited, I didn't really care for the coach much. Martin Hall was brand new when I got here. I liked the teachers. Academics is important to me. (She's carrying a 3.98 GPA)

CS: Your teammate in high school was current JSU teammate, Suzi Terrell. Did you guys plan this?

West: She went to Cincinnati her freshman year and transferred. We were best friends in high school, so when she said "I don't like it here." I told her to come here. She came on a visit and then transferred.

CS: What is in your CD player right now?

West: Coldplay

CS: The new album, or one of the old ones?

West: A mix.

CS: Finish this sentence. If I wasn't playing volleyball at JSU, I'd...

West: Study... all the time. I don't know. What else is there?

CS: You wouldn't want to play another sport?

West: No way. I know one thing I'd do. I'd do the foreign exchange thing, go overseas and study.

CS: What is your favorite quote?

West: I don't have one. I'm not a quote person.

CS: You're majoring in biology. What's the toughest class you've had at JSU?

West: Immunology, either that or organic chemistry, whichever you want to use.

CS: Who is the one person on your team that you're glad you don't have to defend against?

West: Abbey Breit.

CS: Why Abbey?

West: Because she hits the ball so hard. God, I don't want to have to dig it.

CS: What is your guilty pleasure?

West: Food.

CS: What's your favorite place to eat?

West: McDonalds.

CS: If you could meet any athlete alive or dead, who would it be?

West: Michael Jordan.

CS: After JSU, what's next?

West: Med School at Indiana.

CS: If you could play any college volleyball team and be guaranteed a win, who would you love to beat?

West: USC. A girl from my high school plays at USC and they've won the national championship before, so them definitely.

CS: What is the one thing *The Chanticleer* readers need to know about you?

West: Everyone takes me so seriously because I study all the time. They don't know that I'm just being a clown.

CS: What do you do in your free time, besides study?

West: (laughing) You mean besides study and eat?

CS: Yeah.

West: Now that I think about it, I don't have much free time. When I do, I watch TV.

CS: Favorite TV show?

West: *Sex in the City*.

CS: What is the difference between



West

Kisha West on and off the court?

West: There's really no difference. I'm competitive both on and off the court. I always want to have the highest test scores and I always want to have the highest number of digs.

The Gamecocks will look to improve their standing in OVC play this weekend as they travel to take on Austin Peay on Friday and Tennessee State on Saturday. West and the rest of JSU's volleyball team will return home on October 21 against SEMO at 5pm.

## Cross Country runs wild

By Staff Reports

The Jacksonville State men's cross country team won its second meet of the 2005 season at the Rhodes College Invitational.

JSU placed three men in the top fove finishers, as Jospat Waweru claimed his third meet win with a time of 25:42.00. Ashenafi Arega finished a close second to Waweru with a time of 25:56.00 and Ryan McKay claimed fourth with a time of 26:11.00.

Stephen Calvert finished in 15th place for the Gamecocks with a time of 27:14.00, as Jeff Rhodes rounded out the top five for JSU with a time of 27:46.00 and a 27th place finish.

The JSU women finished the meet in seventh place. Lesley Binning was the top finisher for Jax State, finishing the meet with a time of 18:49.00 and an 11th place finish, as Sarah Caine finished the meet in 18th place with a time of 19:19.

Megan Ziarek nabbed a 49th

place finish with a time of 20:17. Shelbee Roberts finished in 70th with a time of 20:45, while Olivia Watson completed the top five for JSU with a 77th place finish and a time of 20:56.

Jacksonville State's next meet will come on Saturday, October 8th when the Gamecocks travel to Auburn, Ala. for the Auburn Invitational. The meet is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at the Indian Pines Golf Course.

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## The record speaks for itself!

By  
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The Chanticleer  
Sports Editor



I was all over the Notre Dame Purdue football game. Too bad that was the only game that went my way.

I know what you must be thinking, "This Amado guy is way off and he couldn't pick a winner if it was in his nose."

Okay, maybe that was a bad mental image for some of my female fans, but I had to get my point across.

I want us to think about a common quote, "A win is a win is a win and a 'w' still goes down in the win column."

I picked all the games right so by that standard I was correct. If I remember correctly, there is only a national champion awarded at the end of the year. I don't recall an award for the national champion against the spread. Call me crazy, but I don't remember.

I went 3-0 overall and 1-2 against the spread last week which brings my year total to 8-1 overall and 5-4 against the spread.

Sadly for me, a handicapper is judged by what he can pick against the odds and above .500 is respectable but not remarkable.

So when your back is against the wall and things get worse before they get



Photo: Jessica Summe

The #88 UPS Ford started on the outside front row.

# UPS delivers on Sunday

By James Burton  
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

Dale Jarrett, driver of the #88 UPS Ford, led only two laps Sunday at the UAW-Ford 500 at Talladega. One of those times was the one that counted: the last.

The Hickory, NC native started on the outside front row, but dropped mid-pack for the majority of the race, glancing at the top ten a handful of times.

The race went into overtime because of a wreck caused by Ken Schrader in the #49 Red

Baron Pizza Dodge.

When the caution was lifted, Matt Kenseth led with Tony Stewart right on his bumper. A skirmish between them ensued, with Ryan Newman putting himself in the mix. While this battle raged, Jarrett slipped by to take the lead just before the caution came out for the last time.

This time, the caution was for the backstretch wreck of Kyle Petty's #45 Brawny/Georgia Pacific Dodge.

This marked the 32nd career victory for Jarrett who was the 1999 Nextel Cup Champion. It

was also his first win since Rockingham, N.C., in 2003.

Tony Stewart, driver of the #20 Home Depot Chevrolet, finished just behind Jarrett. It was the fifth time he's finished second at Talladega in his career. The Indiana native led 65 laps, the most of the day, and regained the Nextel Cup points lead after losing it last week in Dover, DE.

"Yeah, the big picture is what we were worried about today – even if we finished 10th and gained points, that was the big thing. I wish we could have won it. We had an awesome car. But

second place, we'll take it," said Stewart of the race.

There were three medium wrecks during the race. 'These took out numerous fan favorites like Mark Martin, Michael Waltrip, Casey Mears, Jeff Gordon, Jeff Burton, Kyle Busch, both Kerry and Dale Earnhardt, Jr. and pole sitter Elliott Sadler.

For the second time this season, Jimmie Johnson was blamed for the major wreck at Talladega.

"He caused a big wreck here last year and he caused a big one again this year," Sadler said of

Johnson. "Maybe that's his way of racing here at Talladega as far as trying to get rid of everybody so he can try to win the race." Mark Martin, driver of the #6 Viagra Ford Taurus, makes no secret of his displeasure with the Superspeedway.

"I just want to say one thing, the fans are the only ones that can do something about this. No one else can – the drivers can't, the owners can't and NASCAR's not gonna do anything about it. I doubt if the fans can either," said Martin.



## Not in the driver's seat

get worse before they get better, it's time for another sweep.

### Upset alert

Texas is a 14 point favorite against Oklahoma. Yikes! I know the Sooners have got it bad, but not to be a 14 point dog. Yes sir, the Longhorns will cover because Mack Brown wants to beat Oklahoma more than this paper needing ink. Texas defensive coordinator Gene Chizik left Auburn in a lateral move to earn a coaching job. Texas will be ready to play and they will cover 14.

### Blow-out line

LSU at Vanderbilt. The Commodores won't be the cover'dores this week as LSU puts a whipping on in Nashville. The tigers have to cover 14? points over a cooled down Vanderbilt team that snapped their four game winning streak against Middle Tennessee State. LSU is just too much to handle but I will admit it I would not be too upset if Vanderbilt won the game. What a win that would be at home for the Commodores.

### Must see game

Georgia at Tennessee is going to be a dandy of a football game. Tennessee was fresh off getting drug out by Auburn last year and then turned around last year and beat Georgia after the Bulldogs were counting their eggs before they hatched.

The Bulldogs will return the favor this year and cover the three point spread. Watch for Georgia's DJ Shockley to have a good game against the Vols. Georgia has had this game circled on the calendar for a long time.

After this weekend the record will speak for itself.



Courtesy / Alex Stillwagon

Four turnovers were costly against E. Kentucky

By Amado Ortiz  
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The Gamecocks suffer their third OVC loss ever and still remain winless at home as the Eastern Kentucky Colonels capitalized off of four JSU turnovers to win 31-14.

The loss is the largest margin of defeat inside the OVC for the Gamecocks as the Colonels get a little revenge on JSU after finishing runner-up the last two years.

"I had a sense from the beginning of the game that we weren't getting all 11 players on every play, but I have to give some credit to Eastern Kentucky," said Crowe. "They were

creating problems for us by just making plays."

The previous largest defeat came in JSU's first season in the conference as the Gamecocks fell to Murray State, 23-17, in overtime.

"We didn't put anything together on offense. We just had our moments. We lost the turnover differential and the kicking game field position battle. And in the fourth quarter, their guys stepped up and made plays," said Crow

The Gamecocks managed to outgain the Colonels 394-277 despite losing the turnover battle. The Gamecocks jumped out to two touchdown leads in the first half as the offense was rolling pretty good.

A fumble by Josh Moten on the 20 yard line allowed the Colonels to punch it in to tie the Gamecocks and would take a three point lead into half-time 17-14 on a Taylor Long 34 yard field goal. Eastern Kentucky would never look back.

"I do not feel bad about this football team. I may have become a hopeless romantic, but I feel that I am pretty objective. The stats show that physically we can block and run, throw and catch and that we have a pretty good run defense," said Crow

The Gamecocks will travel to Murray State to take on the Racers. The Racers are one of three teams in the OVC to have beaten the Gamecocks in league play.

# Gamecocks drop first OVC game

By Brandon Weems  
The Chanticleer Sports Writer

The Gamecocks lost a 2-0 decision at Samford on Friday night, behind the speed of Bulldog forward Rebecca Bohler.

Bohler scored both goals for Samford in the game. The first one came on a breakaway at the 13:27 mark and Valerie Kikkert picked up the assist for the Bulldogs. Bohler was able to use her speed once again, on a one-on-one with the Gamecocks goalkeeper Kate Kelly.

Kim Matthews grabbed the assist for Samford on the entry pass to Bohler at the 66:44 mark.

"Our team came out with a lot of passion and a lot of heart," JSU coach Julie Davis said.

The Gamecocks (5-5-1, 2-1 OVC) did show a lot of heart as they never let down, and gave one-hundred percent until the final whistle. JSU had a chance to score at the 9:45 mark on a free kick that was taken by Jessica Scerbo. Scerbo chipped

the ball into the goalie box and Heather Swift hit the ball with her head as it sailed just over the goal. Heather Swift tried to even the score for the Gamecocks later in the first half, but was unable to put it behind the keeper.

The Bulldogs were able to keep the ball on the offensive side for most of the half, but give credit to the Gamecocks defense for keeping their team in the game. The half came to an end with Samford (7-2-2, 2-1 OVC) winning by a score of 1-0.

In the second half, the Gamecocks were able to put more pressure on the Bulldogs defense. The Gamecocks had many opportunities in the second half, but were unable to put one in. On Friday night, it seemed as if the Bulldogs were in the right place at the right time.

"The one thing with any match is the final piece could be it. It doesn't matter how good the soccer is or how bad the soccer is if your team comes out with a mission. Coach Davis said, "This team did, they never once let down and worked for a com-

plete ninety minutes. We started to press and they understood the purpose behind that. They worked very hard. I know that they are very disciplined. In the end two different teams are on the field and the team that finishes comes out on top."

Courtney Moore had an opportunity to score in the 73rd minute off of a corner kick that was pushed around in the box. Moore shot the ball towards the left corner of the net. Jessica Mejia, one of the defenders for Samford was guarding the post.

Mejia blocked the ball that would have been a goal for the Gamecocks.

Despite the loss, the Gamecocks played an outstanding game statistically. The defense held the Bulldogs to only

five total shots on goal and the offense produced seven shots on goal.

"Just stay confident," senior defender Kendra Benshoff said. "We are a good team; we can't let this get us down because we still have more games to go, so just stay on top."

If the Gamecocks stay on top, they still have a chance to make a run for the OVC regular season champions. With the loss,

the Gamecocks moved into a tie for third place in the conference standings with Samford. JSU still has six conference matches left in the season while four of them will be at home.

The Gamecocks will be back in conference action this weekend as they will be the host of Murray State on Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Tennessee-Martin on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.



Photo: Brandon Weems

Samford and Jacksonville State played a tough defensive game.